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GOV. BARBOUR ISSUES STATEWIDE BURN BAN

JACKSON – Gov. Haley Barbour today declared a State of Emergency banning all outdoor burning because of extremely dry conditions statewide. The dry conditions have increased the risk for wildfires, and forest fires already have burned wide areas of Mississippi, causing damage to public and private property and timberland.

“Everyone across the state needs to take the threat of wildfire seriously,” Gov. Barbour said. “These dry conditions can cause fires to quickly spread out of control. I urge everyone to be mindful of how you dispose of flammable objects, such as cigarettes and matches, and to refrain from burning trash or leaves.”

The State of Emergency is attached.

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